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DEAR COUNTRYMEN!

THAT once flouriſhing Kingdom, France, has been harraſſed during *ſix bloody* years; cruelties, never before heard of, have been exerciſed upon them: The natives have been urged on to *murder* their *King*, whom they acknowledged to have been pious, juſt, and virtuous; they have maſſacred each other to the number of 800,000, in *one* province including helpleſs women, and innocent children!—and why did the people commit theſe helliſh crimes? Becauſe they ſuffered themſelves to be led, like fools, blindfold, by cunning knaves, *ſtep* by *ſtep*, into crimes ſo black, that had they been propoſed to them *at once*, they would have ſhuddered, and anſwered like *Hazael*, "Is thy ſervant a dog that he ſhould do this thing?" — but they were ſimple and ignorant, and *hearkened*, and were undone!

My Friends, conſider by what treacherous counſels the vain French have been drawn on to perpetrate ſuch attrocities as ſhock the reſt of the world—they were told all they wanted was to reform their Government,—but they have *torn* all regular Government up by the *roots*—and that their good King was ſtill to be their Sovereign, but they would chuſe him better Miniſters,—but thoſe Miniſters were his murderers; and when they had gone ſo far, no man can wonder that they went to the laſt dreadful ſtep of all: Oh *horror*; who can think of it but with ſhame and confuſion, they have renounced the *great* and *all-powerful* GOD—they have prohibited his worſhip---they feared the people would remember the mild precepts of the *Chriſtian* religion, and ſhrink from the horrid taſk impoſed on them. They tear the young children from their trembling Parents, to rear them in ſchools where they are taught *Blaſphemy* and vice, according to their preſent law.

BRITONS! look at France, and take warning in time---let the folly of that nation keep us wiſe—let it teach us to hold faſt the bleſſed hope that is given us in the holy Scriptures, which teach us to love and fear GOD, who ſees all our actions, and will ſurely reward the juſt; and who has already ſhewn thoſe who renounce him, that "to him vengeance belongeth" there the Son of God ſets the example of ſubmitting to lawful authority—there we are taught "to love God, and honour the King," the authority of whoſe Government protects us, our children, and property from Ruffians, who would plunder, and lay waste our dwelling-place. Shut your ears to thoſe wicked incendiares, who for their accurſed ambition, aim at making you diſcontented in the happy lot the Almighty, in his bounty, has beſtowed on the Inhabitants of theſe Iſlands. When they rave at the late laws to reſtrain the Seditious, look at France and ſee if laws are not neceſſary to bridle men's tongues who would betray us into the ſame perdition, in order to mount on our ruins—when they tell you of heavy taxes and the burthens of the people—look at France and ſee the ſtarvation, the oppreſſion, and the Bankruptcy they groan under; and then conſider if our burthens are to be compared; and alſo conſider that our taxes are to ſupport us againſt the impious country, which, envying our proſperity, declare, that its deſign is to exterminate a people ſo proſperous, and to blot out our name and nation.

BRITONS, exert the good ſenſe you are famous for, and you will find it wiſe to give a part to ſave the reſt.—let us bear, without repining, a grievance for a time, to inſure to our poſterity lawful liberty, ſecurity to our poſſeſſions, ſafety to our lives, and above all, the free worſhip of that All-merciful power, who has ſo often, during this dreadful conflict with our inveterate enemies, afforded us wonderful deliverances, and ſignal victories!—think of our diſmay when our brave Seamen were miſled by hearkening to those wicked incendiaries. What would have been our preſent ſituation had not HE who ſaith to the wild waves "thus far ſhall ye go and no farther", ſubdued the unruly will and affections of ſinful men? --- And when *Ireland* was threatened with miſery and ſlavery, by the formidable invaſion ſent againſt it, was it not ſaved by the *wind and ſtorm fulfilling* HIS *word*.

Let us, each man and woman, reform our lives, and in the Church, every Sunday, worſhip in holy Brotherhood, that great and good God, whoſe wiſdom has placed us each in the ſtation fitteſt for us—let us reflect on that, and be contented with it, the wiſeſt will be an example to the others; and then, with humble confidence, we may look for HIS aſſiſtance, who, ſo lately upheld our Fleet, giving it the ſucceſs which its glorious Commander ſhewed he was worthy of, when he called his valiant Crew around him and on that Deck where the Providence of GOD had recently protected them, he joined with their ardent thanksgivings, their full hearts pouring forth "not unto us, not unto us O Lord! but unto thy name be the praiſe." They had fought the good fight for their *Religion*, their *King*, and *Country*—let not ſuch precious blood be ſpilt in vain---let not the brave Martyrs who fell in the glorious cauſe, have made the ſacrifice for nothing; but let their example incite us to "do our duty in the ſtate of life in which it has pleaſed God to call us," and then ſay to any impatient neighbour, 'O tarry thou the Lord's leiſure, be ſtrong in faith, and he ſhall eſtabliſh thy heart, if thou putteſt thy truſt in the LORD.'

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